Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider,

This letter is in regards to the March 17, 2014 compliance check of your Level A, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

☒110.5(1)c First-Aid supplies are available and easily accessible in the home, outdoor play area, any vehicle used to transport children, and on field trips. (add bandaids to kit)

☒110.5(1)j Emergency and disaster plans for fire and tornado are written and posted by primary and secondary exits. (need to post)

☒110.5(1)j The plans shall clearly map building evacuation routes in case of fire, a safe place indoors in case of tornado, and flood shelter areas. (need to post)

☒110.5(1)k Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept.

☒110.5(1)m Has not less than one 2A 10BC rated fire extinguisher in a visible and readily accessible place on each child-occupied floor. (need 2 – 1 on main and lower level)

☒110.5(1)n Has a minimum of one single-station, battery-operated, UL-approved smoke detector in each child-occupied room and at the top of every stairway. (need 1 in lower level of home)

☒110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes. (start tracking with drills)

☒110.5(1)o Nonsmoking signs posted at every entrance of the home and in every vehicle used to transport children. Signs include telephone # for reporting complaints, and www.iowasmokefreeair.gov.

☒110.5(2)a A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years. (obtain)

☒110.5(2)b Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training (and every 5 years thereafter.) (needs certificate)

☒110.5(2)b During the first year of registration – 12 hours of approved training. At least six hours shall be in a group setting. Two of the twelve hours must be health and safety training. A specific training shall not be used to meet requirements more than one time every five years. (need training)

☒110.5(2)d An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains: (need to create substitute file and keep all required documents current)

☒110.5(2)d A completed DHS Criminal History Record Check, form B, 595-1396.

☒110.5(2)d A completed Request for Child Abuse Information, form 470-0643

☒110.5(2)d A physician's signed statement of health of at the time of employment and at least every two years thereafter.

☒110.5(2)d Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years.

☒110.5(2)d Certification in infant and child first aid that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations within the next 45 days.**

☒Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home. This visit will occur after the 45 day time period has elapsed.

☐Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates.   **Please check mark each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section.**

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by:

X_____ _____
Signature   Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 641-421-1219 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Amanda Nash
Social Worker II

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-866-424-9559.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for training at https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).